Costly Repairs Can Be Avoided

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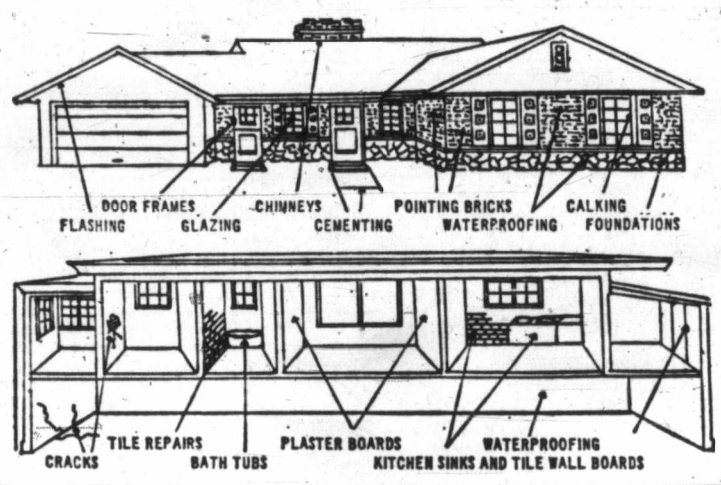
After the rough winter weather and months of artificial interior heat, it is likely that houses and apartment buildings may be in need of maintenance projects. Care now will avoid costly repairs later.

The pictures show exterior and interior views of a typical house. The arrows identify areas to be inspected and repaired if necessary.



Door and Window Frames. (See exterior view.) Cracks often develop between frames and the surrounding walls. To repair, cracks should be filled with X-Pando or other caulking compound. Apply the compound with a caulking gun or putty knife.

Chimney and Wall Brickwork. (See exterior view.) The joints between bricks may be loose, and in some cases mortar may have fallen out. To avoid a fire hazard and to prevent dust and water from entering walls and to improve appearance, scrape out all loose mortar, moisten the joint areas, and then fill the joints with pointing mortar. Or, make a suitable mortar, using one part portland cement and three parts of sand. A special pointing trowel or a putty knife can be used to apply new mortar so that its exterior surface will be flush with the edges of the surrounding bricks.

Waterproofing. (See exterior and interior views.) The surfaces of brick or stone walls or concrete foundations and floors can be waterproofed effectively if colorless X-Pandoseal or other water-repellent compound is applied to them by the spray or brush method. This will also prevent efflorescence. The same compound can also be used as a dust inhibitor on concrete floors.

Concrete Sidewalks. (See exterior view.) The patching of cracks and other repair work can be done using ready-mixed mortar such as Sakrete. Or, mix a suitable mortar with one part portland cement and three parts sand.

Flashings. (See exterior view.) If metal flashings have rusted through they should be replaced at once in order to avoid interior dampness troubles and rotting of wood structural details. If flashings are merely rusty, they should be painted using a paint especially formulated to soak through rust and effectively seal the surface of the metal.

Concrete Floors. (See interior view.) Cracks in concrete floors are easily patched with pointing mortar, or a mixture of one part portland cement and three parts sand. Apply with a small trowel or putty knife.

Plaster. (See interior view.) Cracks or small holes in plaster can be patched using X-Pandotite (which expands as it sets) or any of the other plaster-patching mixtures. Scrape out all loose plaster and moisten the area before applying patching mixture with a putty knife. When dry, sandpaper the patched area and brush on one coat of shellac.

Leaky Pipe Joints. If water pipes leak at joints, unscrew the joints and apply a pipe joint compound to the threads. Then put the joints back together.

Wall Tile. (See interior view.) If the white grout in joints between tile has fallen out, use a grout for the repair work. Mix the grout with water and apply to the joints using a rubber spatula. Wipe off excess grout with a damp cloth.

Plasterboard or Wallboard. (See interior view.) When cracks appear at the joints between wallboard sheets the cause is usually that the sheets were butted too close together. The remedy is to enlarge the cracks to form a V. Apply the varnish to the crack areas and then fill the cracks with a plaster-patching compound, as explained for applying plaster.

Leaky Concrete Foundation. Leaks occur through cracks. Scrape all loose particles out of the cracks and then fill them with Cauxeal or other special mixtures made for such purposes.

Questions and Answers

Q.—What color is recommended for bathrooms?

A.—Colors are a matter of personal taste. However, too much yellow in a green on the walls may give a sickly appearance. Green with a blue or grey cast is much more flattering. If bathrooms are filled with sunlight during the day, blue is a good color.

Q.—Last winter, the snow and rain on our roof damaged the gutters. Can this be avoided?

A.—Yes, by installing the gutters so their outer edges are below a line that would be formed by the extension of the roof slope.

Q.—We used a thinner in so-called odorless paint. The paint developed an odor. What did we do that was wrong?

A.—You used a filler that was not of the odorless type.

Coast Guard Ship Tows Crippled Canadian Yacht

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Canadian yacht Campana, with a 10-man crew—one of whom was sick—was taken in tow yesterday by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel after her steering cable broke in rough seas.

The Campana, en route from San Diego to Victoria, was about 90 miles southwest of San Francisco when the trouble developed. Last night it was making steady progress toward port, and was expected to arrive early today.

Only the crew was aboard the 137-foot Campana, owned by Max Bell, Calgary newspaper publisher and sportsman.

Bell was reported on the way from Calgary to Florida by car and it was understood that the yacht was chartered recently to Mannix Construction Company of Calgary.

When the Campana asked for assistance, the Coast Guard cutter Ewing was sent from Alameda, Calif.

Despite heavy seas, the Ewing got a line aboard and began towing the Campana to San Francisco. Seas were subsiding.

Capt. W. G. Mounce, skipper of the Campana, said his crew rigged a block and tackle substitute for steering.

"We were hand steering all night with the block and tackle," Mounce said in a ship-to-shore radio talk with the San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

"The sea was running as high as 17 to 20 feet, but most of the time the waves were only 12 to 15 feet."

B.C. Workers Pickets Set For Action

B.C. government employees' strike pickets are ready to go into action in Victoria.

Dave Lyttle, Victoria chairman of BCGEA said every effort will be made to avert a strike, but if the association is unsuccessful "we will be ready."

Result of a province-wide strike vote of more than 11,000 government employees will be announced Monday night.

Victoria branch recently voted unanimously in favor of strike action to back the association's demands for wage increases and collective bargaining rights.

Manhattan Island, now the centre of New York City, was discovered by Henry Hudson in 1609.

Central Saanich

Council Disputes $9,000 Cost Claim

Central Saanich council last week disputed the claim by ex-reeve Sydney Pickles that the municipality was faced with $9,000 costs in connection with its proposed new subdivision and zoning by-laws.

The sum includes $7,000 which Mr. Pickles alleges Reeve H. R. Brown stated the Capital Region Planning Board wanted for drawing up an early draft, and $2,000 charged by a Vancouver firm for its work in connection with the latest bylaw.

"There is no truth in the statement that the municipal council engaged the services of the Capital Region Planning Board," said municipal clerk in a release issued by order of the council.

"They have not asked for $7,000, neither has this or any other amount been paid by your council for the survey or maps," the statement continued.

Decision of council to withdraw from the board was reached because little or no benefit was seen in continuing membership, not because, as Mr. Pickles had stated, of an effort to avoid payment of the sum, the release said.

Indian Bands Join Forces For New Hall

An Indian community hall, first envisioned by former Songhees Chief Percy Ross, is finally going to be built under the combined forces of the Songhees and Esquimalt reserves.

The project which is needed "particularly for the youngsters" will cost an estimated $4,000, newly-elected Songhees Chief John Albany reported yesterday.

Site of the hall, to be built entirely by volunteer workers of the two reserves, will be Maple Bank Park, home of the popular Indian Festival.

Esquimalt reserve Chief Edward Joe has promised lumber from the old Todd cannery on the reserve which is being torn down, but Chief Albany said: "We're not proud, we'll accept any donations, including nails."

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